

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Thursday, July 8, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Ruby the reading of the journal dispensed with.

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House for the signature of the Speaker enrolled bill (Senate bill 224), "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent and printing expenses of the Twelfth Legislature;" also enrolled bill (Senate bill 94) "An Act to expedite the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad."

Special order, Senate bill 218, "An Act regulating public printing," on motion of Senator Priest was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Special order, Senate bill 200, a bill entitled "An Act to authorize county courts to levy a road tax and to improve roads and bridges," read second time and made special order for Wednesday, July 13, at 12 M.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Austin, Texas, July 7, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointments, to-wit:

William Chambers, for judge of the District Court for the first district.

L. W. Cooper, for judge of the District Court for the third district.

M. Priest, for judge of the District Court for the fourth district.

Albert H. Latimer, for judge of the District Court for the eighth district.

Jno. G. Scott, for judge of the District Court for the tenth district.

W. H. Andrews, for judge of the District Court for the eleventh district.

C. C. Binckley, for judge of the District Court for the twelfth district.

Charles Soward, for judge of the District Court for the thirteenth district.

E. P. Upton, for judge of the District Court for the seventeenth district.

G. J. Clark, for judge of the District Court for the twenty-fifth district.

Wm. E. Jones, for judge of the District Court for the thirty-second district.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor

Message referred to Committee on Nominations, with instructions to report to-morrow at eleven-and-a-half o'clock A. M., and that report be made the special order for that hour.

Report from the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate:

The Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee of Conference on H. R. bill No. 115, "to provide for the registration of voters," acting with similar House committee, after full and free discussion of the section (39) under advisement, do recommend that the Senate adhere to its action upon said section, and that the House of Representatives be immediately informed of the same.

G. T. RUBY,
M. PRIEST,
J. G. BELL.

Report received and adopted.

Message from the House with action of same on enrolled bill (H. R. bill 153) "An Act appropriating money to pay a claim upon vouchers against the State," informing the Senate the Speaker had signed the same in open session; whereupon it was signed by the President of the Senate and returned to the House.

Also, report from the Committee of Conference on the part of the House, concurring in the Senate amendment to H. R. bill No. 115, "To provide for the registration of voters."

On motion of Senator Ruby the rules were suspended and the joint reports of the Committees of Conference, striking out section thirty-nine in H. R. bill No. 115, concurred in.

Message from the House informing the Senate of the action of the House on Senate bill No. 40, "An Act to provide for permanently locating the county seat of Robertson county."

Also, enrolled bill (S. B. No. 224) "An Act making an appro-

priation to defray the Contingent and Printing Expenses of the Twelfth Legislature."

Also, enrolled bill (S. B. No. 94) "An Act to expedite the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company," informing the Senate that the Speaker had signed the same; whereupon they were signed by the President of the Senate.

[General File.]

Senate bill No. 66, "An Act to exempt certain property therein named from forced sale." Report and bill read second time. Substitute as reported by the committee adopted.

Senator Fountain offered the following amendment:

Amend section two, line three: insert the word "and" after the word "tools," and strike out the words "and books" after the word "apparatus." Line four, after the word "profession," insert: "and all books belonging to private or public libraries."

Adopted.

Also, amend section two, line eight: Strike out the words "to his trade or profession," and insert "to his private library." Adopted.

By Senator Pettit: Amend section two, line four, after the word "wagon," insert "one carriage or buggy." Adopted.

Also, strike out all after the word "profession," in section two, line eight. Adopted.

By Senator Bridgen: Amend section two, line four, by adding after "cows," "*and calves.*" Adopted.

On motion of Senator Priest, the bill, as amended, passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Priest rules suspended and the bill, as amended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Baker the rules were suspended to take up Senate bill No. 106, "A Bill to be entitled 'An Act to authorize the consolidation of the Indianola Railroad Company with the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, under the name and style of the Gulf, Western Texas and Pacific Railway Company.'"

Read second time, and, on motion of Senator Cole, made special order for Monday, July 11, at 12 M.

On motion of Senator Bell, rules suspended to take up Senate bill 162, "An Act to incorporate the Austin Bridge Company."

Bill read second time.

Senator Bell offered the following amendment: Amend section one by inserting the name of T. B. Hunt as one of the incorporators. Adopted.

Bill, as amended, passed to engrossment.

On further motion, rules suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Cole, Evans, Ford, Foantain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—20.

Absent—Senator Parsons.

Under arrest, not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Dohoney, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer—7.

On motion of Senator Mills, rules suspended to take up Senate joint resolution No. 3, authorizing and requiring a settlement of accounts of the late State Treasurer, and refunding a balance ascertained to be due him.

Read second time; passed to engrossment. Rules suspended, read third time and passed.

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Cole, Evans, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Pettit, Pickett, Pyle, Priest, Pridgen, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—20.

Nays—None.

Absent—Parsons.

Under arrest, not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Dohoney, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer—7.

On motion of Senator Ruby, rules suspended to take up House bill No. 17, "An Act entitled an act to incorporate the Jewish Congregation B'nai Israel of Galveston, Texas."

Read third time and passed.

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Cole, Evans, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Mills, Pettit, Pickett, Pridgen, Priest, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—20.

Nays—None.

Absent—Parsons.

Under arrest not voting—Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Dohoney, Douglas, Flanagan, Latimer—7.

On motion of Senator Pyle, Senate adjourned.